

REPORT SUMMARY FOR BKB ORGANIC DEMONSTRATION FARM AND FAMILY DEMONSTRATION GARDENS (FDG) FOR THE YEAR 2014/15

Background

One of the major functions of **BKB** is training visitors in farming and nutrition related needs. Such people include: farmers, parents, children and their care givers, students, guardians, policy makers among other categories. This year we have managed to accomplish a number of activities as grouped below:

At the Farm (BKB)

- Over 500 students have visited the farm to learn with us.
- 8 farmer groups have visited the farm
- We trained orphans from Kitovu mobile for one week at our farm
- Over 53 individuals farmers have visited us at the farm
- We received two tutors who trained teachers at the farm. These came from Europe.
- Amia from USA learnt with us as a researcher in the field of nutrition.
- In November 2014 we received a generator
- Henry, our new boar started serving female pigs in November 2014.
- In December our breeding pigs farrowed. We now have 10 mature pigs and 12 piglets
- Junior Ordry calved a male calf on 16/02/2014
- *In October 2014 our boar died*
- *In November our nanny died*
- Currently we produce two trays of eggs per day
- Junior Ordry produces about 14 liters of milk per day
- We have harvested **3 liters of honey**.
- Many tomatoes have been harvested from the green house.
- Several vegetables are being harvested all year around.

Facts in stories

1. “*I have taken many years without seeing this Bambala nut*” when I asked why, this visiting lady told me that in her Village, people one day invaded a garden of Bambala nuts belonging to one farmer and destroyed it all. She added that these people believed that these nuts never allowed rainfall and were associated to drought!! **Lesson:** such traditional beliefs have greatly contributed to food insecurity in many communities.
2. “*Mulimisa (trainer), you have said that you work with Bega kwa Bega, Do you mean begging? Ooh NO this means shoulder to shoulder (helping those in need)*”

At the Family Demonstration Gardens

Enrollment of participants

NB Each of these have 2 or more dependents or/and spouses at home

Category	Males	Females	Total
Local leaders involved	06	13	19
Pioneer farmers	04	10	14
Farmer trainees at Ssentema	05	29	34
Farmer trainees at Katiiti	18	06	24
Farmers at Naggulu	06	43	49
Farmers at Naddangila	00	19	19
Total participants	39	120	159

Accomplished activities

- Ssentema and Katiiti demos have been operating since may last year with over 20 farmers who have adopted better agronomy and better nutrition and sanitation approach
- Staggered crops exists in the two demos (Ssentema and Katiiti)
- Seed beds at Naggulu and Naddangila are now ready to receive planting materials.
- Farmers at all demos have prepared own seed beds, and are now ready to plant.

A young girl's story (from Naddangila)

While I was wondering about the poor turn up a young girl told me this “*Musomesa (teacher) most people want to go for short gains. That is why they prefer politicians who give some token even when it is less than 1 dollar. It is women who are more patient but men are crazy!* Hope this explains why there are no men attending FDG at Naddangila

Conclusion

Our bio-diversity has been enriched and diversity of enterprises is underway to spearhead sustainability. All we need now is maximization and minimization at best!

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